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In reply to the November 4, 2002 Office Action, and further to a January 28 personal interview with Examiner Hayes, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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(Three Times Amended) A contents distribution method for distributing digitized contents to plural users, comprising the steps of:

- encrypting and distributing contents along with summary information showing a summary of the contents to the plural users;
- providing decoding information accompanying encrypted contents, each decoding information specific to a user in the plural users
- displaying summary information only if decoding information accompanying encrypted contents can be utilized by the user wherein the decoding information determines which encrypted contents among the distributed contents can be utilized by the user;